

## REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 6, 2008. Claims 1 to 10 and 12 to 21 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1 and 12 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 17 contained allowable subject matter.

The Office Action indicated that Figure 5 was objected to for an informality. Upon review, we believe that the Office Action should have indicated that Figure 15 was objected to instead of Figure 5. Accordingly, Fig. 15 has been corrected and that Replacement Sheet is submitted herewith. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Claims 12 to 21 were objected to for an informality. There was only one occurrence, in Claim 12, of “second spool” rather than “second spool file”. Claim 12 has therefore been amended to read -- second spool file --, and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 1 to 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Examiner alleges that these claims are directed to software *per se*. Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, Applicants have amended Claims 1 to 10 to clarify that they are directed to a computer-readable storage medium. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1 to 3, 8 to 10, 12 to 14 and 19 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,115,132 (Nakatsuma) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,287,434 (Bain). Claims 4, 5, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Nakatsuma and Bain in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,594,033 (Kujirai). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, the independent claims, namely Claims 1 and 12, have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter for Claim 17. The term "wherein said segmentation step comprises" was omitted as Applicant believes this omission does not affect the allowability of the claims. In addition, Claims 6 and 17 have been canceled.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

### CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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